Re-launching of MAPIN

668. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has decided to re-launch Market Participants and Investor Database (MAPIN);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Jagdish Kapoor Committee appointed for this purpose have recommended the scrapping of MAPIN scheme; and

(d) if so, the reasons for re-launching of the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) to (d) The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) have intimated that the committee was unanimous that the capital market requires a unique identification number for each market participant. The committee has recommended, *inter-alia*, an alternative system for creating unique IDs based on non-biometrics for all market participants with only disclosures about their associates. SEBI has initiated action to examine the recommendations of the committee and some other suggestion that have been made to SEBI.

Reduction in plan assistance of States

†669. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether plan assistance of the States is reduced in proportion to amount not utilized by the State as per the previous year's approved plan; and

(b) the basis of this reduction as the plan assistance has no relation with the size of the plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

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